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# Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Anabel M. Ton

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## Period for Reply

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## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11/14/03.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-6 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                        | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)                     |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)               | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____  |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Weissman (6,309,091) and further in view of Lemme (4,513,358) and in further view of Winters et al (2,869,690).

3. Weissman discloses the claimed invention except for the recitation of the plurality of vertical members (28a, 28b) extending from four corners of the top and a four-corner post extending downwards. Weissman discloses a base having a top end, a plurality of vertical framing members extending in rings a resting seat at the top of the end base and a horizontal connector member connecting the top end of the framing members (31), a resting seat at the top end of the base (19), a light transmitting tube slidably carried over the vertical framing members and horizontal connector member, one or more louver members having central openings therein (30), the open louver members slidably carried over the light transmitting tube and supported by the resting seat; a closed louver member slidably carried over the light transmitting tube and supported by the resting seat (col. 3 lines 32-45); a fastening arrangement for securing the light transmitting tube and the louver members to the base assembly (fig 1), the open and closed louver members form a vertically stacked layer of louver members surrounding

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the light transmitting tube with the corner posts maintaining open areas within the vertically stacked layer of louver members thereby allowing transmission of light from the light fixture through the windows the light transmitting tube and the open areas in the vertically stacked layer of louver members. Lemme discloses open a closable louver members on a plane surface. Winters discloses a four-corner post extending downwardly from a light pole. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to implement the teaching of Lemme's louver members on a plane surface in the device of Weissman for the purpose of providing a multiple planed louver surface system as opposed to Weissmans circularly louvered system for the purpose of providing a louvered lighting system that emits light in a reinforced structural housing, furthermore the implementation of Winter's four cornered post would purposeful for providing a post with greater structural integrity in the device of Weissman.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

4. Claims 2-6 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

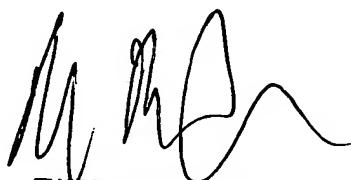
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anabel M. Ton whose telephone number is (571) 272-2382. The examiner can normally be reached on 08:00-16:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on (571) 272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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